

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An open door alert system for a vehicle comprising:
 - a door position sensor that determines if a door is open;
 - a speed sensor that determines vehicle speed;
 - a transmission gear sensor that determines a state of a transmission of the vehicle;
 - a brake position sensor that determines whether a vehicle brake is engaged;
 - a turn signal switch; and
 - a controller responsive to the ~~sensor~~ sensors to activate a vehicle exterior mounted light to flash when the door is open whenever vehicle speed is below a preselected threshold, the vehicle transmission is in park or neutral gear, the vehicle brake is not activated, and the turn signal switch is not activated.
2. (original) The open door alert system of claim 1 wherein the door is a sliding door.
3. (original) The open door alert system of claim 1 wherein the exterior light is operable to function as a warning light.

4. (original) The open door alert system of claim 1 wherein the exterior light comprises an exterior turn signal indicator.
5. (original) The open door alert system of Claim 1 further comprising an interior vehicle light activated to flash by the controller when the door is open.
6. (canceled)
7. (original) The open door alert system of claim 1 wherein the controller activates the exterior light for a predetermined time period.
8. (original) The open door alert system of claim 1 wherein the controller deactivates the exterior light if the door is closed.
9. (currently amended) A method for indicating an open door in a vehicle comprising:
 - determining if a door is open; and
 - determining vehicle speed;
 - determining a vehicle transmission gear;
 - determining whether a vehicle brake is actuated;
 - determining whether a turn signal switch is actuated; and
 - flashing a vehicle exterior light if the door is open, the vehicle speed

is less than a preselected threshold, the vehicle transmission is in park or neutral, the vehicle brake is not actuated, and the vehicle turn signal switch is not activated.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the flashing causes the vehicle exterior light to function as a warning light.

11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the flashing occurs for a predetermined time period.

12. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising terminating the flashing after a predetermined time period.

13. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising terminating the flashing if the door is closed.